

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING**

9-23-04

7:00 PM

6:00 PM: WORKSHOP - Comprehensive Plan

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Nixon at 7:03 PM.

Council Present: Tom Loutsis, Jeffrey Possinger, Steve Hotchkiss, Heather Page,
and Greg Von Tobel.

Staff Present: Doreen Booth, Steve Schuller, Chief Merryman, Bruce Disend,
and Jodee Schwinn.

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll in the amount of \$99,044.50; Claims in the amount of \$506,975.75; Under Council add: Steve Hotchkiss.

II. Comments from the Audience:

Bill Brenner, 15222 Manion Way NE, Duvall, is concerned with chronic speeding along Manion Way in the Taylors Ridge neighborhood. Recently he has been placing a small sign in the street warning drivers that children are playing in the area. He was told it is illegal to place his sign in the street, and it was suggested that he attend a City Council Meeting to address the sign issue and the speeding.

Duvall Police Chief Glenn Merryman addressed the sign in regards to the right-of-way laws. He also emphasized the liability factor in placing a sign in the road. He understands Mr. Benner's concern and is working on traditional and alternative ways to reduce local speeding.

Mayor Nixon read a letter of resignation from Duvall City Councilmember Pat Fullmer resigning from her position on the Duvall City Council due to her current family situation. In her letter, Councilmember Fullmer stated she felt privileged to have been on the Council for the City of Duvall and wished the City well.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Possinger-Von Tobel) to approve the consent agenda, which included Payroll in the amount of \$99,044.50; Claims in the amount of \$506,975.75; the Council Meeting Minutes of 9/9/04 and excusing the absence of Councilmember Will Ibershof. Carried. (5 ayes).

IV. Presentation: None

V. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Nixon thanked the City Staff for doing an outstanding job on the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held at the High School on September 22nd. Mayor Nixon also announced that the proposed Business and Occupation Tax will not be brought forward at this time. Mayor Nixon reported that the traffic issue arising from the absence of a turn lane at the corner of NE 150th Street and 275th Avenue NE is being looked at. Lastly, Mayor Nixon announced the King County Library Bond passed and Duvall is slated for a new public library.

2. Council:

Councilmember Steve Hotchkiss said he would like some clarification on the sign matter brought up earlier in the meeting by Mr. Benner during the Public Comments.

Chief Merryman affirmed that those types of signs are considered a road obstruction. He also stated that they have received complaints from citizens that those types of signs are a hazard and create a liability issue. The Police Department is suggesting citizens place those types of signs on the side of the road.

Councilmember Hotchkiss stood at the podium to address the Mayor and Council and remarked that the current seating arrangement for council members at the Council Meetings is awkward. He suggested another seating arrangement, possibly a U-shape, would be more conducive to the Councilmembers during the Council Meetings. Lastly, Councilmember Hotchkiss stated the Council previously agreed together that the City would approach the budget woes with a three-pronged approach, including a Business and Occupation Tax. He pointed out that businesses in the city benefit from the parks, the maintenance of the city streets and the services that the police provide and that at least one major business in the city actively encourages police presence by providing reserved parking, adding that no one should be surprised that a majority of the business community is resistant to pay and therefore help to retain these services. Since the B&O tax proposal had been removed from consideration without public council discussion, he felt that it should be decided by the Council as a whole and suggested that a formal vote be taken of whether or not to move forward with further discussion about the proposed tax.

A motion was made and seconded (Hotchkiss-Loutsis) to direct staff to prepare an

appropriate ordinance for consideration by the council that would implement a B&O Tax. The motion failed. (2 -ayes). (3 nays - Loutsis, Possinger, Von Tobel).

Councilmember Possinger called for a roll-call on the motion. The vote was as follows: Von Tobel - nay, Page - nay, Hotchkiss - aye, Possinger - nay, Loutsis - nay.

3. Committee Reports:

a. Economic and Business Development: Chairman Loutsis stated the Committee did not have anything new to report at this time.

b. Revenue Committee: Chairman Possinger stated that the Committee did not have anything new to report at this time.

c. Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations Committee - Councilmember Heather Page reported that the Comprehensive Plan Meeting held at the High School was well attended and she felt that people were very happy to be included in the process. Councilmember Page also announced that she attended the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Meeting and one of the things that will be coming before the Duvall City Council in the near future is the draft Salmon Conservation Plan. Council will need to be thinking about how they will want to implement this plan in Duvall. She said if anyone is interested there will be a public meeting in Snohomish on October 6th, at 6:30 pm.

d. Finance Committee: Councilmember Greg Von Tobel reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the budget process. The 2005 Preliminary Budget will be in Council's boxes on October 1st. Councilmember Von Tobel also reported that Dianne Nelson, Finance Director, has sent the City's Debt Policy to the Washington State Finance Officers Association for certification.

e. Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Jeffrey Possinger reported that he met earlier with Chief Merryman to discuss a few items. He also reported that the Committee is currently looking at various ways to address safety issues and they are working on creating programs that citizens will participate in, with relation to speeding, that will make the community safer.

4. Staff:

a. Doreen Booth, City Hall Administrator, gave an update on the W.R.E.C.K. Center. She reported that the City has re-opened the Center on Friday and Saturday nights by utilizing volunteers. The YMCA will be taking over the W.R.E.C.K. Center on October 1st. To begin with, the YMCA will be operating the Center using a short-term lease with the City of Duvall. The YMCA will then run the Center through the rest of 2004 with an abbreviated contract. A more detailed agreement will be drafted for 2005. Doreen also announced a Special Planning Commission Meeting will be held on September 29th, at 7:00 p.m., to go over the public comments that have been received and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan draft. Doreen would like comments from Councilmembers by September 28th. Doreen also announced the Puget Sound Regional Council's SR203

Task Force will be holding a public meeting on September 30th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Duvall Fire Station regarding the SR203 Corridor Study. Lastly, Doreen reviewed a timeline for appointing a new council member to fill Councilmember Pat Fullmer's position. She would like to have the appointment made at the December 9th Council Meeting. By law, the City has 90 days to appoint someone to the open council position.

Councilmember Greg Von Tobel said he would like to see some formal protocol or process to follow when appointing the next council member.

It was suggested that this item be discussed at the next Council Workshop. Doreen offered to provide some samples from other cities of their procedures and protocol when appointing a new council member. Council can then discuss and decide what process they would like to use.

b. Steve Schuller, Public Works Director, passed on his time to report to allow Chief Merryman to address the traffic issue.

c. Glenn Merryman, Chief of Police, addressed Mr. Benner's earlier concerns regarding the speeding traffic issue. The Chief stated that it is also a concern to the Police Department. They are addressing the whole traffic issue with a 3-pronged approach. First, they are utilizing traditional deterrents such as patrolling, running radar, and writing tickets. The second approach is signage. The Police Department also currently has two portable flashing radar speed signs to monitor traffic flow and increase awareness. The third approach involves efforts to put together some programs that include the community with the use of citizen volunteers. They are working on establishing the protocol before these programs can be implemented. They will then be working to recruit people for these programs, and he strongly encouraged citizens to get involved. Lastly, Chief Merryman reported that the agreement to provide police services for the City of Carnation has been finalized and everything is on schedule to begin on October 1st.

VI. Public Hearing: *None*

VII. New Business:

1. (AB04-58) Resolution #04-17 declaring certain city equipment surplus.

It was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Von Tobel) to approve Resolution #04-17 declaring certain city equipment surplus. Carried. (5 ayes).

2. (AB04-59) Ordinance #998 establishing a Nine Month Moratorium on the filing of applications for certain land development activities and declaring an emergency.

It was moved and seconded (Loutsis-Page) to adopt Ordinance #998 establishing a Nine Month Moratorium on the filing of applications for certain land development activities. Carried. (5 ayes).

3. (AB04-60) Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Gametime/Sitelines Park and Playground Products for purchase of Taylor Park Play and Park Equipment.
It was moved and seconded (Possinger-Page) to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the purchase of Taylor Park - Play and Park Equipment from Gametime/Sitelines Park and Playground Products. Carried. (5 ayes).

VIII. Executive Session: *None*

IX. Adjournment:
It was moved and seconded (Possinger-Loutsis) to adjourn the meeting.
Carried. (5 ayes). Meeting Adjourned 8:22 PM.

Signed _____
Mayor Becky Nixon

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk